



# ***Town of Weare Parks and Recreation***

***Meeting Minute  
April 14, 2009***

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** ~7:10pm

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Tom Reynolds, Gene Propper, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King, Jim Blouin (arrived just before “non-public”), Mike Housman (Coordinator)

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Corrections to minutes noted as follows:

- Tennis nets are not installed, but will be as part of the repair project.
- The spelling of coaches needs to be corrected

*Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes with above noted corrections. Gene seconded the motion. All approved, Motion carried.*

**COORDINATOR’S REPORT:**

- The Rudnick concert (co-sponsored by the Library) will be held on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Mike would like to schedule the other concerts for Thursdays in July. Decision made to only do a total of 4 concerts starting with Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The thinking being that turnout would be low on July 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Budget constraints were also a factor. There was some discussion about providing a BBQ at the event. The decision was to provide food at cost (no profit/break even). Mike will begin advertising the events as soon as the performers are booked.

*Chuck made a motion to authorize the Coordinator to negotiate a Thursday night concert series (4 concerts) with total spending for performers not to exceed \$1,2000 (including the \$300 already allocated for the concert being co-sponsored with the library). Gene seconded the motion. Vote: 3-1*

- The Senior would like funding to sponsor their outing and speaker at the Weare Town Grill.

*Chuck made a motion to authorize payment of \$12 per person for up to 25 people to attend the Senior event at the Weare Town Grill.*

- Mike took a look at the graffiti at Purington. It is on the back side of the dugout and not easy to see. Decision was made for Mike to go ahead and repaint over it.
- Tony and his prisoners did a great job cleaning up Chase Park and Bolton Fields. The Highway Dept also provided invaluable help to the project. Valerie will send both Tony and Carl notes thanking them and their workers for a job well done.

- Mike received 2 quotes for the boat ramp. They ranged between \$2,500 and \$3,000. The specs differed making a comparison difficult. Mike will ask both to price the cost of a 4" thick (including 2" topcoat), 40'x18' area, and provide information regarding any warranty. Gene suggested asking the dam operator to lower the water level further so that work can be done. Chuck will bring project to the attention of BOS at their next meeting.

*Tom made a motion to approve up to \$3,800 (from the Chase Park repair fund) to repair the boat ramp. Chuck seconded the motion. All approved.*

#### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS:**

- Date of Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm set for members to meet at Chase Park to work on repairs to the Red Cross Stairs and plant roses. Mike will pick up supplies (i.e. cement, fertilizer) at Country 3 Corners, and contact the nursery regarding arrival of the roses.
- Mike will take a look at the bowed birch trees along the waters edge to see if they need to be taken down (being sensitive to regulations that restrict cutting of trees near water).
- Request made to PARC for 2 season passes for WMS raffle to raise money for the technology center. Mike will call to follow-up with request.

*Chuck made a motion to donate 2 season passes (for Weare residents only) to the WMS technology center fundraising raffle. Tom seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.*

- Discussion regarding the possibility of restricting access to Bolton due to vandalism. Decision made not to shut gate at this time. Unfortunately, it is too difficult to allow responsible citizens access to the facility (which we want to encourage) while preventing vandalism by those who do not respect town property.
- Supplying t-shirts to staff at Chase Park. Decision to continue with past protocol of purchasing 2 t-shirts for each new employee and 1 t-shirt for each returning employee. The t-shirts will be red again this year.

#### **NON-PUBLIC BUSINESS:**

- Discussion and list generated of applicants chosen for summer position at Chase Park.

*Chuck made a motion to bring list of proposed staff to BOS. Tom seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0-1.*

#### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS (RESUMED):**

- Discussion regarding spring application of fertilizer to all the fields. Estimated to take 4-4.5 bags per field at \$70/bag.

*Chuck made a motion to authorize Cutting Blade to purchase and apply fertilizer to all 5 ball fields (after fields have been dethatched) at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.*

- Concerns regarding damage to the Gazebo area from shot-put practice by the Middle School's CASA track club. Chuck will take a look at the damaged and talk to the school if there appears to be any wear. He will also remind them that CASA needs a field use permit to use the field.
- The members agreed to permit John Robichaud to stain the dug outs at Bolton's baseball field. The structures were build as part of an Eagle Scout project and the organization tried to keep maintain them as best they can.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:08pm**